

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

GUADALUPE LUNA, individually and as )  
Independent Administrator for the Estate of )  
Leonor Balcazar, Deceased, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
ADVOCATE HEALTH and HOSPITALS )  
CORPORATION d/b/a Trinity Hospital, and )  
MISCHAEAL J. ESCOTO, D.O., )  
 )  
Defendants, )  
 )  
NIKIE PARIKH, M.D., )  
 )  
Respondent. )

No. 17 C 1916  
Judge  
(Formerly Case No. 2015 L 002941  
Circuit Court of Cook County)

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF A CIVIL ACTION**

Respondent Nikie Parikh, M.D., former physician for a health clinic funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, by Zachary T. Fardon, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, petitions the court as follows:

1. Sometime before March 9, 2017, defendants filed an emergency motion to compel respondent's subpoenaed testimony at trial in the above-named case. On March 9, 2017, without prior notice to the United States, the state court judge granted that motion.
2. Respondent's testimony is sought in a civil action now pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, entitled *Luna v. Advocate Trinity Hospital, et al.*, No. 15 L 2941, and the testimony sought relates solely to her federal employment at a federally funded health clinic. A copy of the order is attached as Exhibit A.

3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1442(a), state subpoena enforcement proceedings commenced against any officer of the United States in a state court may be removed to the district court for the district and division embracing the place where the state court action is pending.

*See Edwards v. U.S. Dept. of Justice*, 43 F.3d 312, 317 (7th Cir. 1994).

WHEREFORE, this action now pending in the Circuit Court Cook County, Illinois, is properly removed to this court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1442(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Luna, Guadalupe

v.

No.

15 L 2941Advocate Trinity Hospital, et al.

## ORDER

This matter coming to be heard on Defendants' Emergency Motion to Compel Nikie Parikh, MD, to comply with the trial subpoena, due notice given and the Court being advised, it is hereby ordered:

Defendants' Motion is granted, ruling contained in the written transcript.

Trial subpoena issued to Dr. Parikh remains in effect and is subject to sanctions and further ruling of the trial judge.

Dr. Parikh to appear at trial <sup>to testify</sup> on March 23, ~~at~~ March 24, March 27 and March 28, 2017, also subject to ~~the~~ trial schedule set by the trial judge.

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ENTERED:

Dated:

Judge

*Assoc. Judge Moira S. Johnson  
MAP - 9 2017  
Circuit Court - 1828  
Judge S. Johnson*